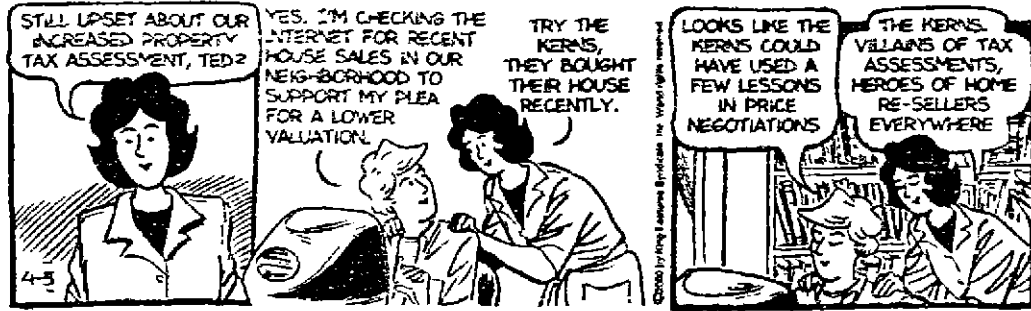


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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



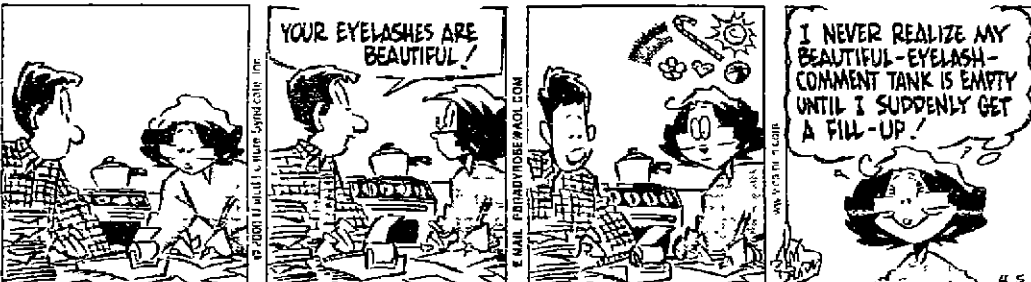
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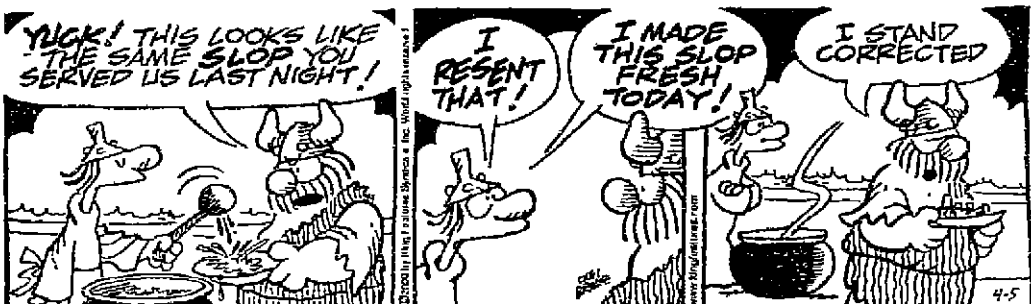
ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



"When it comes to making trouble...he's the world's largest manufacturer."

FAMILY CIRCUS

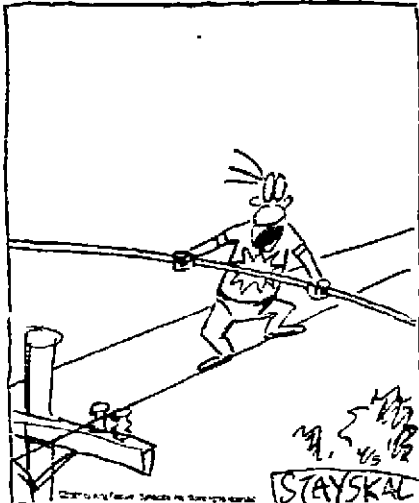


"That's what a frog says"

RYHMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



"How'd I get here? I must have taken a wrong turn."

Today's Birthdays

Actor Gregory Peck is 84. Novelist Arthur Hailey is 80. Actress Gale Storm is 78. Movie producer Roger Corman is 74. Actor Nigel Hawthorne is 71. Country music producer Cowboy Jack Clement is 69. Impressionist-actor Frank Gorshin is 67. Jazz musician Stanley Turrentine is 66. The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Colin L. Powell, is 63.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

FOR REPLAY, SEE SOLUTIONS TO THE PUZZLE IN THE CLASSIFIED SECTION OF THE SYRACUSE HERALD-JOURNAL.

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| U | E | M | T | T | S | R |  |
| A | O | E | H | S | N | R |  |
| N | I | E | R | N | S | S |  |
| S | C | L | R | T | A | E |  |

PAR SCORE 160-170  
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL  
TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. A Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

THINGS WITH LEGS

D Q N K H O E B Y W T R O C L  
J G E E B Y N S R E S U O R T  
W U S C R S P A N D E K I A G  
D B T R A Z P N I E T X B B V  
S P I D E R S I Q P T L O S M  
K I L G E P Y M R I E C A T D  
Y W T U S Q I A P T K O N O L  
J H S F E C A L L N C Y P O X  
V U S Q P N M S A E O I K L J  
H F E C B R I A H C R Z Y X E  
V U T R Q P O M L T K I N G E

Tuesday's unlisted clue: HOCKEY

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: BABY GRAND -

|         |        |           |       |      |        |            |           |        |       |       |       |        |       |          |
|---------|--------|-----------|-------|------|--------|------------|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|----------|
| Animals | Cabers | Centipede | Chair | Cubs | People | Relay race | Rockettes | Spider | Suits | Stool | Table | Thopod | Trips | Trousers |
|---------|--------|-----------|-------|------|--------|------------|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|----------|

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, April 6

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Meeting new people could open your eyes to a whole new way of living.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Try not to get caught up in the moment today.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) If you find yourself in a situation where no one is in charge, go ahead and take the initiative.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Do your best not to over-react to some bad news today.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) Nothing can keep you down today!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Problems could arise today between you and a co-worker.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Pay close attention to what a partner is trying to tell you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Avoid conflict at all costs today.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You're only as young as you feel - so get out and do something playful!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Family responsibilities could keep you from sticking to a business commitment today.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Discovering something new is the highlight of your day.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your mind might seem a bit hazy as you try to move through the day.

ACES

By Bobby Wolf

An average declarer takes dummy's diamond ace and counts possible winners. He recognizes he lacks the entries to score enough diamond ruffs in dummy, so he tries to bring in dummy's club suit. He cashes two trumps and dummy's top clubs, hoping to drop the queen. When it doesn't fall, South's chances approach zero. He concedes a club to West's queen, and when West leads a third trump, South's limit is 11 tricks. South realizes he doesn't need a doubleton club queen. Instead, he plans on four club winners, the spade and diamond aces, four trump winners and two diamond ruffs in dummy. At trick two, he leads a low club from dummy. West's queen takes South's jack, but West has no effective response. If West returns a club (no other lead is better), dummy wins, and South ruffs two diamonds high, using the trump suit for communication. Then he leads a spade to his ace to draw the last trump and uses his last club to reach dummy clubs. The winning line depends upon finding a 3-2 club break (68 percent), while dropping a doubleton club queen offers only a 27 percent chance. Opposite a declarer who can recognize the difference, bid the slam. Opposite one that cannot, settle for game.

|       |         |          |         |           |
|-------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|
| NORTH | Q 9 5   | A 10 9 6 | A       | A K 7 4 2 |
| WEST  | A 7 4 2 | 4 3 2    | J 10 9  | Q 10 9    |
| EAST  | K 8 6 3 | 7 5      | K 8 4 3 | 6 3       |
| SOUTH | A 10    | K Q J 8  | Q 7 6 2 | J 6 5     |

Vulnerable Both  
Dealer: North

The bidding:

|       |      |      |      |      |
|-------|------|------|------|------|
| North | 1 ♣  | Pass | 3 ♣  | Pass |
| East  | Pass | 3 ♣  | Pass | Pass |
| South | 1 ♥  | Pass | 4 NT | Pass |
| West  | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: Diamond jack

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 02

**ACROSS**

1 Windshield sticker  
8 Employee's move, for short  
10 Cries heard around cute babies  
13 Dupe  
14 Quark's place  
15 Headlight setting  
16 Spotted wildcat  
17 Loafers don't grow on this  
19 Musical markings don't grow on this  
21 Oscar winner Davis  
22 Ceiling spinner  
23 Midge rating org  
24 Supermarket checkout item

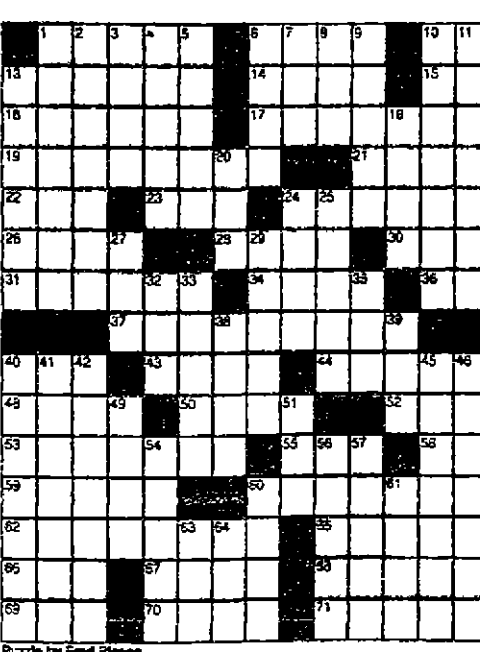
28 Cupid, to the Greeks  
28 Hiker's route  
30 "Try me" precoder  
31 Clears of vermin  
34 Slip through the cracks  
36 It might make you see things  
37 Baby fowl don't grow on this  
40 Accomplished  
43 Pennsylvania port  
44 Like a wake-up time on an alarm clock  
48 "I do" first you don't  
50 Pulls the plug on  
52 "Comin' \_\_\_ the Rye"  
53 Obsolescent term of address

**DOWN**

1 "I do" \_\_\_  
2 1930's first lady  
3 Kind of film  
4 Pueblo bnck  
5 Abate  
6 Too hasty  
7 Addis Ababa's land abbr.  
8 John, to Ringo  
9 Certain sorority grr  
10 Kind of gland  
11 Bailpark purchases  
12 Slung mud at  
13 Tipped, as a hat  
18 Watch  
20 Chucklehead  
24 Meat-and-vegetables fare  
25 Canary's call  
27 Midwest Indian  
29 Appealed  
32 Everyday article

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

|           |         |        |
|-----------|---------|--------|
| MARS      | MAMA    | KARAN  |
| ABUT      | ICON    | OMEGA  |
| ROSE      | TROY    | WIDER  |
| IUSEDTO   | TEDDY   |        |
| STOIRE    | SAIVSO  |        |
| BESNOW    | WHITE   |        |
| SLIDIN    | DNA     | ODER   |
| LUNET     | TALENT  |        |
| ALAS      | USA     | HUMANE |
| BUTIDRIPT |         |        |
| RECTO     | IONIA   |        |
| RAISA     | MAEWEST |        |
| ASKEW     | LAMB    | NANO   |
| STERE     | EVIL    | ETON   |
| POISER    | SEXY    | ROTE   |



Puzzle by Fred Piscop

33 Fathered  
35 According to  
38 Motion picture  
39 NYPD investigator  
40 Devil  
41 "Hmmm, it's not coming to me"  
42 Compensation in a lawsuit  
45 Protect in a cover  
46 Shoreline problem

47 Deep-seed  
49 Dancer's woe  
51 Sault \_\_\_ Mane  
54 Shoreline shower  
56 Actress Woodard

57 Gawks at  
60 Helene H's  
61 "Tom thumb" star Tambllyn  
63 Live and breathe  
64 Just out

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